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Interview Summary

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Applicant(s)
Forbes et al.

Examiner
George C. Eckert II

Group Art Unit
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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) George C. Eckert II

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(2) Mr. Robert E. Mates

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Date of Interview Mar 14, 2002

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal (copy is given to 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No. If yes, brief description:

Claim(s) discussed: All

Identification of prior art discussed:

Sakata et al. and Sugita et al.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

The essential rejection is based on Sakata, incorporating Sugita for the teaching of source/drain regions. Mr. Mates argued that Sakata and Sugita were not combinable as they teach functionally different devices. Mr. Mates argued that the device of Sakata did not need source/drain regions, or at least it was not obvious based on Sugita to form them in the device of Sakata. The examiner did not agree because Sakata clearly teaches the use of the SiC as applied to a floating gate memory device (p. 688, col. 1). And, as is known in the art and taught by Sugita, floating gate memory devices use sources and drains. The motivation for using the sources and drains being that they allow formation of arrays of such memory devices. Mr. Mates argued that, absent an express teaching in Sakata, and absent an express suggestion to combine from Sugita, the rejection is in error. Mr. Mates also cited the recent Fed. Cir. case In re Sang Su Lee as an additional basis for arguments. The examiner has a copy of In re Sang Su Lee.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

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GEORGE C. ECKERT II
PATENT EXAMINER

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